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Addendum

Programme questions: proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

(Item 4 (a))

Section 17
International drug control

1. At its 14th meeting, on 19 June 2003, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 17, International drug control, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/58/6 (Sect. 17)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced section 17 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. The Committee welcomed the use of videoconferencing facilities to conduct the meeting.

4. Full support for the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP) and its objectives was expressed. Appreciation for the valuable work of the Programme and of the staff, particularly in Afghanistan and in Central and South-east Asia, was expressed.

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5. Measures concerning the thematic evaluation of programmes, leading to strengthening and improvement of services, was welcomed. Concern was expressed with respect to the programme of reform and the financing of the programme, requiring establishment of priorities to improve management.

6. Appreciation was expressed for the actions taken to implement the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services.

7. Clarification was requested on whether a review process was undertaken of the usefulness of outputs in accordance with Regulation 5.6 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation. In-depth evaluation should be made of the usefulness of outputs. Clarification was also requested concerning the growth in the number of publications, the reviews of publications in terms of how they are disseminated, who the readers are and whether assessments are made of the impact of the publications.

8. A view was expressed that international drug control is a shared responsibility, requiring international cooperation through technical and financial assistance, especially to developing countries. A view was also expressed that legal assistance through the technical cooperation programme is valuable. The view was also expressed that there should be a better balance in the efforts devoted to demand reduction and supply reduction.

9. Efforts to synthesize expected accomplishments and to choose indicators of achievement that were detailed and creative were commended. A balance between demand and supply was observed. A view was expressed that subprogramme 1 was less ambitious than the other subprogrammes.

10. Support was expressed for work related to amphetamine-type stimulants and their precursors. Concern was expressed that performance measures related to control of such stimulants and their precursors were not established. Concern was also expressed that performance measures were not established for *Indicators of achievement* (a) and (e) (i) in table 17.17.

11. The Programme's experience in money-laundering and lessons learned in this regard were noted; however, the absence of a statement of expected accomplishment on this issue was observed.

12. Concerns were expressed regarding the statement that the availability of extrabudgetary resources was an external factor that might affect the achievement of expected accomplishments. A view was expressed that some normative activities were funded by extrabudgetary resources.

13. The view was expressed that UNDCP should endeavour to improve upon its utilization of extrabudgetary resources for 2004-2005. In table 17.7 (ii), the current target is for 90 per cent, which is the same as in 2002-2003, and below the 95 per cent rate of 2000-2001.

Conclusions and recommendations

14. **In connection with performance measures (d) in table 17.12, the Committee observed that if the value of the annual consultation mechanisms is recognized, then the target for 2004-2005 should be higher than the estimate for 2002-2003.**

15. **The Committee for Programme and Coordination recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 17, International drug control, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, subject to the following modifications, as well as provisions in the foreword and the introduction:**

Table 17.7

***Indicator of achievement* (ii): after the word "full", add the words "and efficient".**

Table 17.10

***Indicator of achievement* (c): Replace the words "timely receipt by" with the words "availability of information for".**

Table 17.12

(a) *Performance measure* (c) (i): Under "target 2004-2005", replace the words "an average rating of 'fully satisfactory'" with the words "a 75 per cent rating 'fully satisfactory'";

(b) Delete *Indicator of achievement* (c) (ii), and delete the symbol "(i)" in *Indicator of achievement* (c) (i);

(c) *Performance measure* (f): Under "target 2004-2005", replace the words "an average rating of 'fully satisfactory'" with the words "a 75 per cent rating 'fully satisfactory'";

(d) *Performance measure* (h): Under "target 2004-2005" replace the words "an average rating of 'fully satisfactory'" with the words "a 75 per cent rating 'fully satisfactory'".

Table 17.13

***Expected accomplishment* (b) should read as follows: "Enhanced treaty adherence, at the request of Governments".**

***Indicator of achievement* (b) should read as follows: "Number of Member States that received support from the Secretariat to become party to one of the three drug control treaties".**

***Indicator of achievement* (c): insert the words "with the assistance of the Secretariat" after the word "Governments".**

Table 17.15

***Indicators of achievement* (a), (b), (c) and (d): insert the words "with the assistance of the Secretariat" after the words "Member States".**

Table 17.17

(a) *Objective 1*

(i) Replace the text in *Indicator of achievement* (a) with the following text: "Enhanced assistance by UNDCP to Member States to establish

or strengthen national strategies to reduce and eliminate illicit cultivation, including comprehensive measures such as programmes in alternative development, law enforcement and eradication";

(ii) ***Indicators of achievement*** **(b), (c) and (d): insert the words "with the assistance of the Secretariat" after the word "countries";**

(iii) ***Indicator of achievement*** **(e) (i): insert the words "with the assistance of the Secretariat" after the words "Member States".**

(b) ***Objective 2***

Indicator of achievement **(a): insert the words "with the assistance of the Secretariat" after the words "transit States".**

16. The Committee requested that programme managers within section 17 comply fully with Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation.